

April 19, 2021 Egremont Bylaw Review Committee

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn, Chair (MM)

Richard Allen (RE)

Steve Goodman (SG)

Richard Slutzky (RS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Lucinda Vermulen, guest, (LV)

Steve Cohen, guest, (SC)

Chairwoman MM called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:02pm. Committee members and guests were introduced.

Minutes of April 7, 2021 were approved with revisions.

MM apprised Committee Members of a SelectBoard recommendation to change the elected positions of Town Clerk, Tree Warden and Board of Assessors to appointed positions. Their recommendation will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. If passed, it will require a ballot vote. It was noted that no action needed to be taken but, if this passes at the ATM and by ballot, it may mean a change to the general bylaws.

### **Bylaw 6 Finances of the Town**

The Committee discussed the Human Resources Committee's recommendation to the SelectBoard to eliminate the Sustainability Coordinator position. If the SelectBoard agrees to the recommendation, the position's elimination will require approval at the Annual Town Meeting. The Committee agreed to leave the bylaw's grid as is until the elimination is decided by the voters.

RA will redraft Bylaw 6 for the next Committee meeting.

### **For Committee to Review Later: Revolving Funds in Definition Section and Recusal of Finance Committee Members**

EV asked the Committee members to revisit at some later date the need for Finance Committee members, who sit on town committees with revolving funds, to recuse themselves on votes pertaining to the revolving funds.

EV suggested that the definition of revolving fund include how a new revolving fund gets created.

**Section 12.2 Swimming Pools**

EV reported that existing MA law covers swimming pools in a substantive way with some inconsistency. Swimming pool regulations are found in building codes, sanitary codes, and public safety codes. Differing rules apply for public, semi public and private pools. The Committee discussed these options for proceeding with the bylaw:

1. Continue to Revise Bylaw 12.2,
2. Draft the bylaw to refer to relevant state codes and focus on authorized Town fines, or,
3. Eliminate 12.2 from the General Bylaws

EV will research additional information for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

**Bylaw 12.4 Tennis Courts**

Before the Committee address 12.4, EV will determine if a building permit is required to construct a tennis court.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm was made and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Slutzky